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E. O. 11652: ADS DECON 6/30/74

TAGS: EAID BG

SUBJ: BD/PAK DEBT- JAPANESE REACTION TO FP PROAG

REF: DACCA 1657(NOTAL)

1. PROMPTED BY NEWS/ ARTICLES MAY 12 LOCAL PRESS, KANEKO, SECOND SECRETARY JAPANESE EMBASSY, VISITED USCOR SAME MORNING TO DISCUSS MAY 11 SIGNING OF FAMILY PLANNING PROJECT AGREEMENT WITH BDG.
 2. DURING COURSE OF CONVERSATION BECAME QUITE APPARENT KANEKO WAS CONCERNED ABOUT HOW THIS NEW COMMITMENT RELATED TO DEBT ISSUE AND US POSITION AT INTERNATIONAL MEETING ON CONDITIONAL PLEDGING. REFTEL REPORTED SIMILAR CONCERN DURING EARLIER VISIT BY KANEKO AFTER SIGNING OF \$30.0 MILLION REHABILITATION GRANT.
 3. USCOR EXPLAINED AT LENGTH THAT PROAG WAS IN FACT FY 1973 COMMITMENT AND THAT STATEMENT AT INTERNATIONAL MEETING APPLIED TO DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE FY 1974. ADDED AS AN ASIDE THAT BECAUSE OF MAGNITUDE OF PROBLEM AND URGENT NEED FOR BDG TO TAKE ACTION, POPULATION ASSISTANCE IN BANGLADESH COULD
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BE LOOSELY INTERPRETED AS HUMANITARIAN AID.

4. KANEKO GAVE IMPRESSION THAT MAY POSSIBLY RETURN FOR ANOTHER APPOINTMENT WITH USCOR/ EMBASSY AFTER HE REPORTS TO TOKYO. WOULD, THEREFORE, APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS IF ANY RE OUR EXPLANATION SINCE QUITE OBVIOUS JAPANESE EXTREMELY SENSITIVE ABOUT US MOVEMENT IN TERMS OF NEW COMMITMENTS VIS- A- VIS MAINTENANCE OF CORPORATE POSTURE BY PAK CONSORTIUM MEMBERS.
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